



By Brigadier General Kenneth M. Taylor Jr.

CLOSEUP ON STAT TOURS. Alaska Air National Guard members have a special opportunity to compete for Title 10 Statutory Tours (federal active duty) in Washington D.C. and other locations outside Alaska. A Guard member interested in a Title 10 "Stat Tour" must be a self-starter, at least a 7-level and E-5, and willing to work long hours to



support our 54 states and territories for usually 4 years. The individual is still carried as a member of the Alaska Air National Guard. For more information, contact TSgt Gayla Williams and MSgt Gail Tuchscherer at the 176th Wing and 168th ARW. Alaska ANG members currently on stat tours include:

Col Sam Taylor, Col Bill Foulois, Lt Col Janice Stritzinger, Lt Col Larry Brooks, Major Drake Selmer, Major Joanna Shumaker, Captain Gina Alzate, CMSgt Jimmy Jackson, MSgt Brian McCarthy, CMSgt Walt Souder, MSgt Sharon Wolfgang (retiring soon), MSgt Christopher Frey and MSgt Paula Rodgers, to name a few. We'll be profiling these members in the coming months.



PROFILE OF A PROFESSIONAL. Master Sergeant Paula Rodgers, previously of the 168th ARW, is enjoying a "Stat Tour" in Texas. Sergeant Rodgers' job is a Functional Requirements Analyst for the Military Modernization effort. MIL MOD, as they call Military Modernization, will replace the Personnel Data System currently used and loved world wide by MPFs (Military Personnel Flights). Sergeant Rodgers' job is to ensure that Air National Guard unique data is reviewed and captured in the new system, primarily in the Education and Training arena. Unlike working at the Unit level, Sergeant Rodgers does not meet with her customers on a day to day basis. She works with suppliers, civilians and contractors of the Oracle Company that is developing the new data base, and tries to see things from her customer's point of view when she tests the new applications in the system. She writes:

I am assigned to the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) which used to be called AFMPC. This is the personnel center for the Air Force - it is where policy and procedures are written, assignments are made, and a tremendous amount of other things. AFPC is located on Randolph AFB, TX - one of the many bases here in the San Antonio area (so are Lackland AFB, Brooks AFB, and Kelly AFB).

I am currently married to Walter Rodgers. He is a civilian who has lived in Alaska all of his life and he has decided after a couple of trips here that he does not want to move here! He wants to stay in Alaska.

I love it here. The weather is awesome. My dog, Maggie and I run in the morning when it is cool and we have a garden. The garden was planted in March - something that I really appreciated! And I already have peppers, onions, lettuce, etc. There are a lot of opportunities here to play golf which is great. I also bike and visit lakes with Maggie. I do miss how serene Alaska is but I think you should learn to appreciate the good in everything. There is pro and cons in anything you do.

I also miss all of the people I worked with back at the 168th. Please pass on that I'm doing well and think of everyone often.

ZOOM IN ON A NEW POSITION. Are you a traditional Guardsman interested in equal opportunity issues in the military? You must be a promotable E-7 or an existing E-8 and willing to attend the two-week Human Resource Management NCO Course. Applicant needs to be interested in force management and being a positive force for the Guard inside the unit and in the community. Please notify your Wing Commander if you are interested. This is a three year term involving human resource training, knowledge of quality tools and techniques and computer software products for word processing and graphical presentations. Must be willing to work and travel on a non-traditional schedule. For further information, please notify SMSgt Ray Reekie at 428-6086. (E-mail address reekie@akang.ang.af.mil)

FOCUS ON PRIDE. We are proud to announce that the 206th Combat Control Squadron has been formally changed from a flight to a squadron. Congratulations to everyone in the 206th whose hard work made this happen.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS. Captain Bonnie Carroll from Kulis has created a non-profit organization, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors and Kids Camp to minister to the needs of all those affected by the death of a loved one while in the military. Its mission is to care for the families and friends of those who die on active duty through peer support, grief counseling referral, crisis intervention and case worker assistance. Over Memorial Day weekend, 260 families and friends attended the TAPS Conference in Washington D.C. and were honored during the Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony. General Shalikashvili and the Secretary of the Navy were this year's guest speakers at the conference. Captain Carroll is an example of service before self through her efforts with TAPS.

WIDE ANGLE ON CHRISTMAS IN JULY. Volunteers from the Naval Militia, Air and Army Guard as well as Youth Corps students have been busy collecting, sorting, transporting and cleaning all unclaimed lost and found items from local area schools. The clothing items will be sent to needy rural Alaskan communities as part of Operation Santa Claus efforts in November and December. More volunteers are needed for this huge project! Please call the Public Affairs Office at 428-6031 to find out how you can help.